

**REMARKS**

In view of the Decision On Appeal by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences issued May 29, 2009, this Amendment hereby cancels claims 56 and 57 without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the remaining claims in this application.


If there are any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative, using the telephone number listed below the signature line, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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